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Kenſington, May 28.

THIS being His Majeſty's Birth Day, there was a very numerous and ſplendid Appearance at Court of the Nobility and other Perſons of Diſtinction; and at Night there were Illuminations, Bonfires, and other publick Demonſtrations of Joy throughout London and Weſtminſter.

Naples, May 10. The Viceroy has for ſome Time paſt applyed himſelf with all poſſible Diligence, to the providing of every thing neceſſary for the Security of the Places of Strength in this Kingdom, moſt of which are furniſhed with Stores of all Sorts of Proviſions and Ammunition, together with Artillery and ſufficient Garriſons. A Number of Workmen is employed in the Arſenal here, to fit up Arms and make Carriages for Cannon which are wanting in ſome Garriſons; and the new Fortifications of Capua and Gaeta are almoſt finiſhed. Orders are given for caſting in our Arſenal, ſeveral new Pieces of Cannon to ſupply the Room of thoſe which have been taken out of the Caſtles here, and ſent to divers Places on the Coaſt where Batteries have been erected. The German Garriſon which was at Pizzofalcone, is withdrawn from thence and put into Caſtelnuovo here. The Preſidents of the Provinces have ſent to the Viceroy, the Muſter-Rolls of the Militia Forces, commonly called the Battallion of the Kingdom, which are diſtributed into different Garriſons, or quartered on the Coaſts, and the Number amounts to 18000 Foot and 8000 Horſe. On the 7th Inſtant the Viceroy went publickly to the Church del Carmine, a vaſt Crowd of People attending to ſee him paſs, and with joyful Acclamations expreſſing their Fidelity to the Emperour.

Madrid, May 23. The King, Queen, and Prince, are in good Health at Balſain, with only a few Officers and Servants of the Court and Houſhold to attend them: Cardinal Alberoni is continually with their Majeſties, and during their Reſidence there Don Miguel Duran has the Care of all Diſpatches as Secretary of State. By Letters from Barcelona of the 14th Inſtant, we have Advice, that the Naval and Military Preparations were carrying on there with all Expedition; that a good Number of Battallions of Foot, with ſeveral Regiments of Horſe and Dragoons, were going to imbark; that a ſufficient Number of Tranſports was provided for this Service; and that a great Number of heavy Cannon was put on board, together with other Artillery and great Stores of all Sorts of Ammunition; but that the Time for the Sailing of the Fleet was not yet fixed, nor the Enterprize for which all theſe Preparations are intended yet known.

Copenhagen, May 28. The Britiſh Squadron under the Command of Sir John Norris, arrived here on the 25th Inſtant in the Morning. That Evening the King of Denmark came hither from Fredericksbourg. The next Day Sir John Norris had Audience of his Majeſty, and with the Lord Polwarth, was in Conference with Admiral Guldenlew and the Daniſh Miniſters. Yeſterday and to Day his Daniſh Majeſty has been taking a Review of his Horſe and Foot Guards, and of the Regiment of Grenadiers. Our laſt Advices from Norway left all quiet there, and without Apprehenſion of any Attempts of the Swedes. The 10 Swediſh Men of War which lately came out of Carlſcroon; are all retired into that Port again. Admiral Rabe, with 12 Daniſh Men of War of the Line and two Frigates, had taken his Station off Bornholm, the better to obſerve the Enemy; but Orders are ſent to him to return and join the Britiſh Squadron.

Hague, June 7. The King of Great Britain having interpoſed his good Offices for putting an End to the Difficulties which have ſo long obſtructed the Execution of the Barrier-Treaty, and offered to the Conſideration of the States General a Project for that Purpoſe, their High Mightineſſes paſſed a Reſolution the 27th of May, conformable to His Britannick Majeſty's Sentiments and Advice; which Reſolution being delivered by their High Mightineſſes to the Earl of Cadogan, his Excellency went to Antwerp on the 28th, and having conferred with the Marqueſs de Prié on the Subject of the ſaid Reſolution, the Marqueſs complied with what was therein demanded, in ſuch Manner as 'tis not doubted will be to the intire Satisfaction of the States General. The Earl of Cadogan returning hither on the 2d Inſtant, his Excellency and Mr. Whitworth had a Conference with the Deputies of this State, and having communicated to them what had been tranſacted at Antwerp, thoſe Deputies appeared extremely ſenſible of the great Obligations the State is under to His Britannick Majeſty for his friendly Offices in this Affair. The States of Holland re aſſembled on the 1ſt Inſtant, and on the 4th adjourned to the 15th of this Month. The

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